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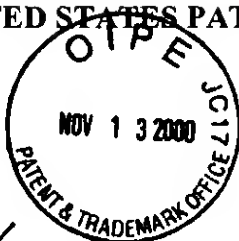
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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), Applicant has provided a concise English explanation of the relevance of each of the cited non-English references below.

JP 06237034

An English abstract of this reference is being filed herewith.

Per the enclosed abstract, the JP '034 patent teaches a gas laser having a laser pipe (1), which encloses laser gas and a pair of electric discharge electrodes (2). The electric discharge between these two electrodes excites the laser gas and results in the output of a laser beam. A pair of optical windows (3) are arranged in the optical path of the emitted laser. The device also incorporates a reflective mirror (5) and an output mirror (4) which form the laser resonator. The optical window part includes a negative voltage impression electrode (6) having a hole through which the laser beam can pass. The negative electrode (6) induces a negative charge on the optical window surface by means of a negative voltage source (7).

JP 05067823

An English abstract of this reference is being filed herewith.

JP '823 discloses a discharge excitation pulse gas laser device, such as an excimer laser, that includes a static gas chamber near the optical windows at each of the opposing ends of the laser tube. The static gas chambers include a space that is designed to ensure that no gas flows within the chamber due to gas circulation in the rest of the laser, thus making it hard for metallic dust within the

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laser from reaching the surface of the optical windows even if the gas within the laser is agitated by a gas circulation mean, such as a fan.

DE 198 40 035 A

A translation of DE '035 is provided, hence no concise statement is required.

DE 32 12928 C2

U.S. Patent 4,534,034 which has been cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 is understood to be a U.S. equivalent of DE '928 and a translation thereof.

DE 31 30 399 A1

A translation of DE '035 is provided, hence a concise statement is not required.

DE 297 15 466 U1

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DE 37 10 525 C2

U.S. Patent No. 4,769,824 which has been cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 is a U.S. equivalent of DE '525.

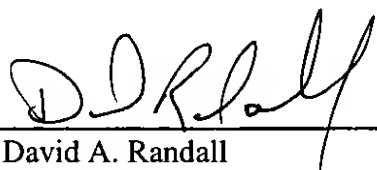
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consider this IDS as filed under § 1.97(c) and is further authorized to charge any fee required by the filing of these papers to Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. **12-2475**.

Respectfully submitted,

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